

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF AUGUST 10TH, 1932.

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the State Treasurer, at Annapolis, Maryland, on August 10th, 1932 at Twelve o'clock, noon.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The Board proceeded to open proposals for bonds of the General Construction Loan of 1931, issue of August 15th, 1932, in the amount of \$3,076,000.00 in accordance with advertisements appearing in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News of July 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 and August 1, 5, 16, as noted below:

\$3,076,000

STATE OF MARYLAND

Four and One-Half Per Cent. "General
Construction Loan of 1931"

Annapolis, Md.

Pursuant to Chapter 253 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1931, providing for the issue of the Certificates of Indebtedness herein mentioned and described, and pursuant also to a resolution of the Board of Public Works of Maryland passed on the 16th day of March, 1932, and on file and open to inspection in the office of the said Board in Annapolis, Maryland, the Treasurer of the State of Maryland will receive bids or proposals for Certificates of Indebtedness of the State of Maryland as follows:

\$3,076,000 FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS
KNOWN AS "GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1931."

Said Certificates of Indebtedness will all be dated August 15th, 1932. They will bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of February and August, respectively, in each and every year during the continuance of the loan. The

principal of said loan will be payable upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as more fully set forth in said Act of 1931, Chapter 253, as follows:

"GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1931."

Series.	Amount.	Redeemable.
"AA"	\$179,000	August 15, 1935
"BB"	187,000	August 15, 1936
"CC"	196,000	August 15, 1937
"DD"	205,000	August 15, 1938
"EE"	214,000	August 15, 1939
"FF"	223,000	August 15, 1940
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"II"	255,000	August 15, 1943
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"KK"	278,000	August 15, 1945
"LL"	291,000	August 15, 1946
"MM"	304,000	August 15, 1947

The said Certificates of Indebtedness will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, subject to registration as to principal, and all will be issued with interest coupons attached.

This loan and the interest payable thereon is exempt from the Federal income tax and from State, County and Municipal taxation.

The said bids or proposals must be delivered to the Treasurer of the State, at his office in Annapolis, Maryland before 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday,

AUGUST 10TH, 1932,

Each bid must be for cash on delivery, and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed on the outside "Proposal for General Construction Loan of 1931." Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per cent. of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids or proposals will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, August 10th, 1932, in the presence of the undersigned.

On the opening of said proposal as many of said Certificates of Indebtedness as have been bid for not exceeding, however, the amount for which proposals are invited may be awarded by the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer, or a majority of them to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash; and if two or more responsible bidders have made the same bid and such bid is the highest and the Certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders are in excess of the whole amount of Certificates as offered for sale, then such Certificates of Indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The undersigned may, in their discretion, accept one bid for all of said loan or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the largest amount, and they may, in their discretion, accept bids which may be for parts of said loan, but are not for all, and they reserve the right in their discretion to reject all bids or any bids.

The Certificates of Indebtedness awarded will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders upon receipt of the amount of the successful bid or bids on Monday, August 15th, 1932, at the office of the State Treasurer, Annapolis, Maryland.

Bidders are referred to the said Chapter 253 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1931 as containing the full terms and provisions of this loan.

It is one of the terms of this offering that the bonds when issued will be

the legal and valid binding obligations of the State. The opinion of the Attorney-General of Maryland to this effect will be delivered to the successful bidder. Bidders may, if they wish, make the legality and validity of the bonds one of the terms of the bid by making the bid "subject to legality" or using any equivalent form of expression, but without leaving this question to the decision of the bidders or their counsel. All bids conditioned upon the approval of bidders or counsel, whether named or unnamed, will be treated as conditional bids and rejected unless the condition is waived by the bidder to the satisfaction of the Board before the opening of the bid.

ALBERT C. RITCHIE,
Governor.

WILLIAM S. GORDY, JR.
Comptroller of the Treasury.
JOHN M. DENNIS,
Treasurer.

The bids received were as follows:

ALEX. BROWN & SONS

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
August 10, 1932.

Treasurer of the State of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

For all, but not for any part, of \$3,076,000 State of Maryland Certificates of Indebtedness, known as "General Construction Loan of 1931", to be dated August 15, 1932, and to mature annually August 15 in various amounts from \$179,000 on August 15, 1935 to \$304,000 on August 15, 1947, both inclusive, and to bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ per annum, bids for which are to be received by you until 12 o'clock noon August 10, 1932, we hereby bid at the rate of \$105.519 and accrued interest per \$100 principal amount thereof. We enclose certified check in the amount of \$153,800 which covers your requirement.

Very truly yours,

ALEX. BROWN & Sons
CHASE HARRIS FORBES CORPORATION
THE BALTIMORE-GILLET COMPANY

BY

/s/ Alex Brown & Sons.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF MARYLAND

BALTIMORE

August 10, 1932.

Hon. John M. Dennis, Treasurer,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

For all but no part of \$3,076,000 STATE OF MARYLAND $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ Certificates of Indebtedness, "General Construction Loan of 1931", dated August 15, 1932, maturing without option of prior payment August 15, as follows -

<u>Series</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Redeemable</u>
"AA"	\$179,000.00	1935
"BB"	187,000.00	1936
"CC"	196,000.00	1937
"DD"	205,000.00	1938
"EE"	214,000.00	1939
"FF"	223,000.00	1940
"GG"	234,000.00	1941
"HH"	244,000.00	1942
"II"	255,000.00	1943
"JJ"	266,000.00	1944
"KK"	278,000.00	1945
"LL"	291,000.00	1946
"MM"	304,000.00	1947

Coupon certificates \$1,000 denomination, registerable as to principal only, principal and semi-annual interest payable in Baltimore, Maryland, tax free in Maryland, we will pay 105.3099% and accrued interest to date of delivery which is equivalent to par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$163,332.52.

This bid is made with the understanding that upon the delivery of the certificates to us we will be furnished with a duplicate original copy of the unqualified opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Maryland, to the effect that the certificates are legal and binding obligations of the State of Maryland, payable principal and interest from unlimited taxes against all the taxable property within the State.

In accordance with the Notice of Sale and our bid we enclose certified check for \$153,800 being 5% of the par value of the amount of certificates bid for, and would appreciate your returning this check should the certificates not be awarded to us.

Very truly yours,

THE NATIONAL CITY COMPANY
THE FIRST NATIONAL OLD COLONY CORPORATION
FIRST DETROIT CO., INC.
UNION TRUST COMPANY OF MARYLAND
GEO. B. GIBBONS & CO., INC.
SCHAUMBURG, REBHANN & OSBORNE
OWEN DALY & CO., BALTIMORE

BY: UNION TRUST COMPANY OF MARYLAND
/s/ William G. Dancy
Vice President.

FIRST NATIONAL
SECURITIES CORPORATION

BALTIMORE, MD.
August 10, 1932.

Hon. John M. Dennis, Treasurer,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

For \$3,076,000 State of Maryland Four and One-Half Per Cent Certificates of Indebtedness, "General Construction Loan of 1931", to be sold this day and date, more fully described in the attached advertisement which is a part of this proposal, we respectfully bid you, for all or none, \$ 105.19 for each One Hundred Dollars par value and accrued interest to the date of delivery.

As evidence of good faith, we enclose herewith certified check, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, for Five Per Cent of the par value of the amount bid for.

Respectfully yours,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
STONE & WEBSTER and BLODGET, INC.
DARBY & CO.
FIRST NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION
R. W. PRESSPRICH & CO.
PHELPS, FENN & CO.
MACKUBIN, GOODRICH & CO.

BY FIRST NATIONAL SECURITIES CORPORATION

/s/ H. W. Schaefer
Vice President

August 9, 1932

Hon. John M. Dennis, Treasurer,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

For all or none of \$3,076,000. legally issued State of Maryland 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Certificates of Indebtedness known as "General Construction Loan of 1931", dated August 15, 1932, maturing as follows:

Series	Amount	Due
AA	\$179,000	August 15, 1935
BB	187,000	August 15, 1936

CC	196,000	August 15, 1937
DD	205,000	August 15, 1938
EE	214,000	August 15, 1939
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MM	304,000	August 15, 1947

Without option of prior payment, principal and interest payable in Baltimore, Maryland, all as described in official notice of sale,

We will pay a total of \$3,218,083.52, and accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery to us. This bid is made subject to our being furnished free of charge the satisfactory approving opinion of the Attorney General of Maryland.

As evidence of our good faith we enclose certified check to the order of Treasurer of Maryland for \$153,800, to be applied as part payment for the bonds if this bid is accepted or to be returned to us promptly if our bid is unsuccessful.

Bankers Trust Company
Guaranty Company of New York
The N. W. Harris Company Inc.
Robert Garrett & Sons
Field Glore & Company
G. M-P Murphy & Company

By Robert Garrett & Sons

/s/ Rob Garrett & Sons

35 Wall Street
New York, N.Y.
August 10, 1932.

Hon. John M. Dennis, State Treasurer,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

For All or None of Three Million Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$3,076,000) STATE OF MARYLAND CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, selling on Wednesday, August 10, 1932, at noon, Eastern Standard Time, which Certificates are to be general obligations of the State

of Maryland, principal and semi-annual interest, February 15th and August 15th, payable in Baltimore, to be issued in coupon form in the denomination of \$1,000, and in all respects as set forth in the official notice of sale, the Certificates to be dated August 15, 1932, to bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum ($4\frac{1}{2}\%$) per annum, and to mature according to the following schedule:

\$179,000	August 15, 1935
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we will bid - par and accrued interest to date of delivery plus a premium of \$135,866.92

It is understood that the Certificates will be delivered to us accompanied by the unqualified approving opinion of the Attorney-General of Maryland to the effect that the Certificates are legal and valid binding obligations of the State.

We enclose herewith our certified check for \$153,800 to be held by you pending the fulfillment of our contract if we are the successful bidders. In the event our bid is not successful, said check is to be returned to us immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

HALSEY, STUART & CO., INC.
 ROOSEVELT & SON
 MERCANTILE-COMMERCE CO., Inc.
 R. L. Day & Co.
 F. S. MOSELEY & CO.
 DEWEY, BACON & CO.
 EQUITABLE TRUST CO. BALTIMORE
 W. W. LANAHAN & CO., BALTIMORE
 STERN BORTHERS & CO., KANSAS CITY

BY
 /s/ Halsey, Stuart & Co.

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY

of Baltimore

August 10th, 1932.

The Honorables,
Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland.
William S. Gordy, Jr.,
Comptroller of the Treasury,
John M. Dennis,
Treasurer of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sirs:-

Referring to the \$3,076,000. State of Maryland 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Certificates of Indebtedness known as the "General Construction Loan of 1931" advertised to be sold on this day and date, as per attached copy of advertisement, which is hereby made a part of this bid, for all or none of this entire issue we offer to pay you for each \$100. par value the sum of \$ 105.6079 and accrued interest to date of delivery.

This bid is made with the understanding that the bonds shall be legally and validly issued and sold and that we shall be furnished, free of cost to us, with the favorable opinion of the Attorney General of Maryland.

In accordance with the terms of your advertisement, we enclose herewith certified check to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for \$153,800.00, being five per cent of the amount of bonds bid for.

In the event that our bid is not accepted, please return this check to us immediately.

Very truly yours,

Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore,
Kidder, Peabody & Company, New York.
Wallace, Sanderson & Company, New York.
The Northern Trust Company, Chicago
Baker, Watts & Company, Baltimore
Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore
Foster & Company, New York
The Philadelphia National Co., Philadelphia

BY: MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF BALTIMORE.

/s/ Charles W. Johnson

Manager Bond Department.

CWJ/S

Amend
Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the proposal of the Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore and associates of \$105.6079 was accepted, and the bonds awarded to that bidder.

The Secretary reported having received a letter from the State Industrial Accident Commission dated July 9th, 1932, requesting that the Board invest the sum of \$50,000.00 in approved securities for the State Accident Fund. This letter was brought to the attention of the members of the Board upon its receipt, and the State Comptroller and State Treasurer arranged for the purchase of \$21,000.00 par value Wicomico County, Maryland, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds, and \$29,000.00 Baltimore County, Maryland Metropolitan District 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds, reporting their action in the matter at this meeting.

The following letter from Rosewood State Training School was read and considered:

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

August 3rd, 1932.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Secretary,
The Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

A sum of \$30,000.00 has been set aside in the Bond issue of this month for additional water supply and the fire-proofing of buildings at this institution.

Our Board of Visitors respectfully requests permission from the Board of Public Works to execute this work with their own machanics, employing additional labor as needed, and purchasing material for the work through the Central Purchasing Bureau of Maryland.

A careful estimate has been prepared by our Architect, Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, which shows that this work can be done by ourselves more economically, rather than by giving it out by contract.

Please let me know at the earliest opportunity, if the Board of Public Works approves of the above plan, so that we may start the work without delay during the summer months.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Frank W. Keating,
Superintendent.

FWK:HB

The authority requested was granted.

The following letter from the State Department of Forestry was read and considered:

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

July 19th, 1932.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

You will find attached hereto a detailed description of tower construction project to be undertaken near Church Creek, in Dorchester County. You will note particularly that the County Commissioners have agreed to contribute one thousand dollars toward this project, five hundred dollars to be available this year. Will you please present this project to the Board of Public Works in order to secure the proper authorization.

Temporary employees, especially trained in the work of tower construction, have recently been on duty in completing the project at Burtonsville, Montgomery County, and are now available for undertaking this project. The active interest of the Dorchester County citizens makes it particularly desirable that this project be gotten under way at an early date and we will therefore appreciate early attention in arranging this authorization.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walter J. Quick, Jr.,
Walter J. Quick, Jr.
Assistant Forester.

WJQ/p

The statement submitted with the letter showed a cost of \$2,256.50 for the erection of the tower, of which amount Dorchester County agreed to pay \$1,000.00, leaving \$1,256.50 as the cost to the State for the work. The request of the State Department of Forestry to proceed with the work was approved.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of writing off from the books of the State Comptroller's Office an item of \$10.19 against Calvert County, which has been carried for nearly a year, which the Maryland Training School for Boys claimed was due from the County for parole supervision of one Ralph Catterton, who has since become of age. The County protested it was not chargeable with this expense because of no supervision having been given, the whereabouts of the boy not being known.

The Board authorized the writing off of the account.

The following letter from Springfield State Hospital was read and considered:

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

July 9th, 1932.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Attention: Mr. J.O. McCusker.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed is the report to the Automobile Commissioner

of an accident in which one of our cars damaged a Jewett car belonging to Mr. Samuel B. Kurtz, 2113 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore.

The Adler Tire Company, 1510 E. Baltimore Street, estimated that it would cost about thirty-five dollars to repair the damages caused by the accident.

Authority is requested to settle this bill for damages. We are satisfied that the damage is a just claim against the hospital, as the Jewett car had the right of way.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Dr. E. P. Bledsoe,

E.P. Bledsoe,
Superintendent.

JHT:G

The Board authorized the paying of the damages as outlined in the amount of \$35.00.

The following letter from Springfield State Hospital was read and considered:

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

June 22nd, 1932.

Mr. J.O. McCusker,
In care of Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

We write to ask the Board's approval for the replacement of a small tombstone that, it is alleged, was broken by a car belonging to this hospital.

Two of our men were given permission to search through the St. John's Cemetery for an escaped patient. They left their car parked on a road in the Cemetery to make a search. When they returned the car had run across a grave and into a tree.

While, of course, there were no eye witnesses, our investigation leads us to believe that the stone was knocked down by the hospital car.

Gault & Son advised that they can replace the headstone for \$45.00.

Awaiting your advice, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. P. Bledsoe.
E.P. Bledsøe.
Superintendent.

JHT:EMB

The Board authorized the expenditure of \$45.00 for replacing the tombstone damaged.

The following letter from the Maryland Training School for Boys was read and considered:

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS

July 2nd, 1932.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

According to our records there is a balance in the appropriation for the Coagulating System construction at the Maryland Training School for Boys during 1931, amounting to \$204.68.

We are desirous of obtaining an easement for our water line across the Thomas R. Jenifer property and I am making application for authority to use the balance in the fund appropriated for the coagulating system for the purpose of paying for the easement mentioned.

Authority was given at the meeting of the Board of Managers on June 30th, 1932, to make application for this easement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James A. Pratt,
Superintendent.

JAP/N

The Board authorized the acquiring of the easement as outlined in the foregoing letter.

A letter from Montrose School for Girls, requesting approval for the purchase of a gas range at \$157.95, and the installation of it at an extra cost of \$36.50, the purchase to be made through the Central Purchasing Bureau, was considered, and authority to proceed with the purchase of the stove and the installation of it was granted.

The following letter from Springfield State Hospital was read and considered:

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

28 June 1932

Board of Public Works
State of Maryland,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Authority is requested to charge off our books under accounts receivable the following amounts due the State of Maryland from the estates of the following named persons, reimbursing patients at this hospital:

Annie G. Edmondson		151.00		
Harry Macht	170.00			
Harry Macht	<u>360.00</u>	430.00		
Frederick G. Wilkins		<u>173.90</u>	total	754.90

In the case of Annie G. Edmondson, the trustee Mr. William P. Edmondson requested that the monthly rate of charge for board and medical attendance be reduced from \$2.00 per day to \$1.00 per day, which after investigation was found to be necessary. The above amount \$151.00 represents an accumulation from June 1, 1931.

In the case of Harry Macht, Mr. Grasty of the Baltimore City Charities investigated and authorized us to take Mr. Macht up as a charge against Baltimore City at the rate of \$125.00 per year from January 1, 1931; reporting that Mrs. Nellie Macht trustee would not be able to pay any of the accumulated charge prior to January 1, 1931 \$170.00, nor for the nine months during 1931, Jan. to September, inclusive, at \$40.00 per month, \$360.00.

In the case of Frederick G. Wilkins, Mr. Wilkins eloped and was later discharged from the hospital July 1925; he had to his credit in the Sykesville National Bank enough to cover the \$173.90 he owed the State, however this bank was absorbed by the Central Trust Company of Maryland which is now in hand of the State Banking Commissioner, and whatever amount may be left upon settlement of the banks affairs for Mr. Wilkins will revert to the State.

The above request is made on recommendation of Mr. Stewart the State Auditor.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. P. Bledsoe.

E.P. Bledsoe, Superintendent.

EPB/r

The Board approved the request of the Institution for authority to write off the accounts as uncollectable.

The following letter from Doctor Carrie W. Smith, Superintendent of Montrose School for Girls, was read and considered:

June 6, 1932.

To the Members of the Board of Montrose and the Board of Public Works:

Since it is necessary for both the board of Montrose School and the board of Public Works to pass upon the issue involved in the following questions, I am sending this letter to each member of the board of Montrose and each member of the board of Public Works.

August 1931, Mr. William Osborn, who owns the farm adjoining the Montrose property visited the superintendent of Montrose to discuss with her the possibility of the State's purchasing his farm, one of the lines of which runs within 80 feet of the Sewing Department of the school. This matter was taken up at the September board meeting and referred to Col. Joshua Harvey. It was discussed from time to time at board meetings but nothing definite was done other than to consult with Mr. John Dennis, who, I understand, said that he felt that the state should acquire this property for the protection of Montrose. May 1932, no definite action having been taken by the Board, the superintendent of Montrose, who had been looking for a small acreage, took the matter up with Mr. Osborn and proposed to buy 10 acres of this land fronting on the Falls Road with the understanding that if the state would not purchase the balance, she would purchase the entire tract. The 10 acres which the superintendent wished to buy leaves a strip of land something like 300 feet wide between the boundary of the proposed 10 acres and the school property. The superintendent wishes to build a house on the Falls Road which would probably be located at least a thousand feet from the Montrose line. This is a beautiful building site with an extensive view, and the superintendent's object in buying it was simply that she has a natural desire for a home. She wants a home in the country and desires a place which she can be improving during her stay at Montrose and that would be accessible for her on her days off.

It should be borne in mind that superintendents of other institutions have private, well-appointed residences. The superintendent of Montrose does not even have an apartment. The only thing she has is one crowded room with a make-shift bath. It certainly does not seem unreasonable that she should desire some place where she could have privacy and quiet when not actually on duty. The objection was raised by a member of the board that if the superintendent had a home away from the institution her interests would be divided. She feels that this is not a warranted assumption. The superintendent of Montrose has not the slightest intention of living in the house which she proposes to build except to use it for her days off and for summer vacations as has already been indicated.

There was also the objection that when the superintendent of Montrose leaves this institution either voluntarily or by dismissal it would be very unwise for her to live so close to the institution. The board feels apparently that there would be divided loyalties. However, if such should be the case, having the ex-superintendent in Baltimore or Woodensburg would make very little difference. The present superintendent of Montrose is now a citizen of Mary-

land and expects to live in Maryland permanently. This fear on the part of the board that she would become a nuisance to the institution is another assumption which is not warranted. However, Montrose School and its welfare is her supreme interest and it should be clearly understood that as a citizen of Maryland and eventually a tax payer in Maryland that she will have the rights of any other citizen in this "free State."

The superintendent of Montrose is perfectly willing to compromise with the board by taking less acreage or by changing the acreage to include a strip of land farther away from the Montrose line. She is also willing to sign an agreement with the state not to dispose of this property to any other party without giving the state an opportunity to buy it at the same price which she is buying it for, plus the actual cost of such buildings or improvements as may be erected. Montrose is in need of other buildings for farm help and could no doubt make use of any building erected on this site.

I was most anxious that there should be no controversy about this matter and in my effort to avoid any possible complications, I told the treasurer of the board what I proposed to do before I entered into any agreement with the owner. He raised no objection at the time.

With the safeguards for future ownership by the state provided for in this statement, I cannot see that the state could possibly be the loser by permitting this agreement to stand as it is now. It is my earnest hope that they will do so.

/s/ Carrie W. Smith

The Board was of the opinion that it would be unwise and impracticable to approve the request of Doctor Smith in this matter.

The Secretary presented to the Board the following memorandum:

MEMORANDUM FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 11th, 1932.

The Comptroller received a letter from Mr. A. H. Wood, City Clerk, Havre de Grace, Maryland, calling attention of the State to a piece of property in Havre de Grace formerly used by the State as a hay scales, and reporting the property was in dangerous condition and liable to cause injury or damage.

I had Mr. Dyas, our Gasoline Tax Investigator, look into this matter. We find that under Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1878 The State was authorized to purchase a piece of property in Havre de Grace to be used for hay scale purposes. The State selected as Commissioners to secure a site and make the purchase Messrs. R. R. Vandiver, Edward Hall and M. M. Hopkins. A piece of property of approximately 30 feet by 100 feet, facing on Water Street and running from Water Street to Pearl Street was selected and purchased from Lewis K. Herbst, the deed being dated August 23rd, 1878, recorded in Liber A.L.J. No. 38, Folio 202.

Mr. Dyas found that just before his visit to look into the matter the shack which had been on the property had been torn down. All that there is now is an unimproved lot of ground and apparently it has very little value. The hay scales must have been discontinued some years ago, as there have been no transactions concerning it during the writer's employment by the State.

It is suggested that authority be gotten from the Legislature of 1933 to sell this piece of ground.

/s/ J. O. McCusker.
Secretary, Board of Public Works.

It was agreed that an Act should be passed at the next Session of the Legislature giving the necessary authority for the sale of the property.

The following letter from the Board of Welfare was read and considered:

BOARD OF WELFARE

July 8th, 1932.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,
Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

We are asking for approval of contract with the Baltimore Machine Works in the sum of \$1475.00 for the installation of steam turbine centrifugal pumps for the power plant at the Maryland House of Correction, Jessups, Maryland, they being the lowest bidder.

The other bidders were Henry A. Kries & Sons Co., and Charles A. Kries & Sons Company.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert D. Case
Secretary

RDC/H

The Board granted the approval requested.

The Board formally approved the awarding of contract to the Engineering Contracting Corporation for the Elementary School Building for the Maryland State Normal School at Towson, Maryland. The amount of contract is \$114,029.00, payable out of proceeds of the General Construction Loan of 1931.

The following letter from the State Law Department was read and considered:

STATE LAW DEPARTMENT

June 30th, 1932.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Esq.,
Chief Deputy Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

I have your letter of June 11th, with reference to certain delinquent accounts of the Spring Grove Hospital, considered by the Board of Public Works at their meeting on June 8th. I am of the opinion that the following accounts should be written off as uncollectable.

Elizabeth Hergenrother.....	\$993.72
Mary Dodd.....	478.00
Mary A. Fryer.....	360.00

I note that the Superintendent recommends that the State's Attorney investigate the latter account and take steps to transfer this patient to the Baltimore City list.

In regard to the accounts of William J. Morris, Calvin Troupe and William C. Keyser, I have written to the Committees and shall advise you further when I have their replies.

Very truly yours,

Wm. L. Henderson.
Asst. Attorney General.

WLH:McS

Acting on the recommendation of the Department, the Board authorized the writing off of the accounts mentioned as uncollectable.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.